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CROKER CONSULTS MURPHY HE WANTS THE SENATOR'S ADVICE

ON BROOKLYN APPOINTMENTS. Mill Men Are to He Shut Out-The McLaugh Hn-York Slate Was Sent to Senator Murphy Several Days Ago-Rapid Transit Is to He

ecured Through the Elevated Bailroads.

LAKEWOOD, N. J., Dec. 14.-Richard Croker was not at the Lakewood Hotel to-day, although Senator Grady, up to this evening, it formed everybody who inquired for the big Tammany chieftafn that he was in his room resting and could not be disturbed. The Senator was believed until the announcement of Mr. Croker's arrival in Washington was made known at the Lakewood, and Senator Grady was forced to admit that Mr. Croker had gone. He said that Mr. Croker went to his room on Monday evening, leaving orders that he was not to be disturbed on any account by anybody. Senator Grady said that Mr. Croker spent the night in his room and left for Washington this morning after breakfast. It was said, however, that Mr. Croker was spirited away by Congressman George B. McClellan on Monday night

The young Congressman arrived here in the afternoon and took Mr. Croker for a drive behind a spanking team after most of the delegahere had left for New York, They drove to Point Pleasant, ten miles away, and caught a Pennsylvania train for Washington. There were many rumors about the object of Mr. Croker's visit to Washington and the hurried manner in which it was made. The only reasonable explanation, however, is that he went to confer with United States Senator Edward Murphy about the distribution of patronage and the character of the appointments to be made in the borough of Brooklyn. As has been stated heretofore in THE SUN, Mr. Croker intends to broaden out his sphere of leadership. He has the material in hand to so shape the course o Tammany Hall as to control the Democracy of the State of New York, and has formed an alliance with Senator Murphy, who is to engineer the scheme and to supersede ex-Senator Hill in the control of the party.

Mr. Croker does not intend to make any mistakes in his distribution of the patronage, and it will be divided among men who will prove loyal in the furtherance of his plans. He knows the men in New York city, and can shape his plans easily enough in the borough of Manhattan, but he is not so well informed on the following of nator Hill in Brooklyn as is Senator Murphy. It is safe to assume now that Mr. Croker has in his possession the Brooklyn slate made out by Hugh McLaughlin and Bernard J. York. The latter, in the several conferences he has had with Mr. Croker, has told him all he knew about the men on the slate, but the Tammany chieftain was not altogether satisfied with that. It is surmised that he sent the slate to Washington, so that it might be inspected by Senator Murphy, who would quickly discover anybody on it who had had in the past a strong leaning toward Senator Hill, or might have a disposi tion to follow him in the future. Congressman McClellan stopped over here last Wednesday for a few hours on his way to Washington, a for a few hours on his way to Washington, and it is thought that he became the emissary of Mr. Croker to Senator Murphy. He is supposed to have taken a copy of the Brooklyn slate to Washington with him for examination by Senator Murphy. Leader Bernard J. York is expected to come down here to-morrow night to learn whether the Brooklyn slate was satisfactory. In the meantime, however, Senator Murphy discovered several flaws in the slate and sent Congressman McClellan post haste to bring Mr. Croker to Washington so that the matter might be arranged in time to inform Mr. York when he gets here to-morrow.

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Mr. Croker will get back here to-morrow morning, and Mayor-Elect Van Wyck and John F. Carroll, it is expected, will get here to-morrow evening, so that the positive slate making may begin. The Brooklyn patronage is all that has bothered Mr. Croker so far, and it can be safely said that he has not given one serious thought to the New York appointments as yet. The Brooklyn slate will be fixed up this week, however, and in the latter part of the week the New York patronage will receive attention.

From the expressions of the Tammany leaders and officials who have been here and the statements of a man close to Mr. Croker it appears certain that the proposed underground system would greatly exceed the constitutional debt limit of the greater city. Mr. Croker has stated that he is in favor of the it is thought that he became the emissary of Mr.

conclusion that the cost of building the proposed underground system would greatly exceed the constitutional debt limit of the greater city. Mr. Croker has stated that he is in favor of the "best, safest, and cheapest" system of rapid transit, and has even stated that he is in favor of the underground system if that is found to be the "best, safest, and cheapest." and the cost of construction does not exceed the debt limit. As the financiers are certain that this would be the case, should the road be built, the Tammany leader, who was talking on rapid transit to-day, said that the new administration would endeavor to give the citizens of New York rapid transit of a safe, cheap, and practical kind within six months after it took hold of the municipal government. This meant, he said, an extension of the present elevated railroad system and the building of a third track for expires trains. The roads had been examined by inspectors and the structures found to be in excellent condition and wholly capable of sustaining a third track. The roads would be extended to the northern limits of the greater city and a continuous ride in rapid transit time from the Battery to the city limits would be made possible for 5 cents. This plan could be carried out in a short time and without making the terrible muddle in the city that the building of the hole in the ground would entail.

The Tammany man said he understood that the roads were earning more than 5 per cent. now and that if the new scheme were put into operation all surplus over 4 per cent, of the earnings would be used if found available. Another reason which he cited for the opposition of the new administration to the hole in the ground scheme was the increased death rate which the construction of such a road would make.

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the were laving of a sewer main in Fifth avenue "Take, for instance, the recent trouble which the uere laying of a sewer main in Fifth avenue created," said he. "Just a quarter of the street was torn up, and all along the route there were hundreds of cases of sickness, which the best physicians in town attributed to the odors and germs which came out of the ground while the pipe was being laid. Now, if the underground system was constructed, the streets would have to be torn up from ourb to curb, and if the case of Fifth avenue is any criterion there would be a veritable pestilence over the town that would take years to eliminate."

MR. CROKER IN WASHINGTON. Me Says His Visit is Personal, and Refuses to Talk Politics.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.-Richard Croker ar rived in Washington this morning. He called on several friends, including Representative George B. McClellan, before going to the home of Senator Murphy, where he arrived about the middle of the afternoon. Mr. Croker told his friends on his arrival that he would remain in Washington only a few hours, returning to New York by a late afternoon train. After reaching the house of Senator Murphy, however, he de-cided to remain over night, being the guest of

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To a SUN reporter who called Mr. Croker said that his errand was not political and that he wished only to have the pleasure of meeting some personal friends. The Tammany leader accomplished this well, for he had a long conference with Representative McClellan and a still longer one with Schator Murphy. He told all callers at the latter's house that he did not care to talk politics or to say anything whatever care to talk politics or to say anything whatever regarding plans for the new government in Greater New York.

MORMONS GOING TO MEXICO. 8.000,000 Acres of Land Purchased for the Latter Day Selata

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico, Dec. 14.-It is announced here that representatives of the Mormon Church of Utah have contracted with the Mexican Government for the purchase of 3,000,000 acres of land in the Degollado district, in this State. It is the intention of the Church to locate 40,000 is the intention of the Church to locate 40,000 Mormon colonists on the land within the next two years. Many of these colonists will come direct from Utah, but the greater number will be new converts to the Mormon faith from different parts of the United States.

There are already two prosperous Mormon colonies in this State aggregating about 8,000 in number. The 3,000,000 acres just purchased will all be placed under irrigation and divided into small farming tracts.

GRADE NOT TO REPLACE CANTOR. | CUBAN EXILES AMNESTIED. Canter to Help Bonnetty Choose Minority Com-

mitteemen in Assembly. Senator Thomas F. Grady's friends returned from Lakewood yesterday, and desired it to be known that a misconstruction had been put ipon the Senator's official statement issued at Lakewood and printed in all the newspapers. The interpretation put upon Senator Grady's statement was that he was to succeed Senaor Jacob A. Cantor as leader of the Democratic minority in the Senate this winter. Senator Cantor was elected leader of the Democrats by

the Democratic caucus for the term of the Senate, which is three years, and he cannot be de posed unless he resigns, or unless his brothren meet in caucus and dethrone him. Senator Grady's friends said for publication yesterday: 'Mr. Grady is mortified at the construction put upon his statement issued from Lakewood. In that statement he expressed only his per-

authority to speak for the minority, and did not dream that his remarks would be so accepted. He admits, though, that the construction put He admits, though, that the construction put upon his statement was the natural one. Senator Canfor will fill out this winter as the third one of his leadership of the Democratas.

Richard Croker, Senator Cantor, and Senator Grady conferred at Lakewood on Saturday, and as a result Assemblyman Thomas F. Donnelly of the Thirty-second New York district, who has been selected to lead the Democration minority in the Assembly, was instructed to confer with Senator Cuntor as to the minority members on the Assembly, was instructed to confer with Senator Cuntor as to the minority members on the Assembly committees. Republican Assemblyman James M. E. O'Grady of Rochester, who is to be re-elected Speaker, has not let it be known what representation he is to give the Democration the committees, but when this information is received Senator Cantor and Assemblyman Donnelly are to get together and pick out the wickedest Democratic fighters to go on the most important Assembly committees. It was not apparent until yesterday why Assemblyman Daniel E. Finn was deposed as the Democratic leader of the minority in the Assembly.

Fina, it was ascertained, was considered to have done well enough last year when the Democratic minority was small and ineffective, but at the approaching session, so Richard Croker and Senators Cantor and Grady decided at the conference at Lakewood on Saturday, the more powerful Democratic minority requires a leader of greater resource than Finn, and that is why Donnelly was selected over Finn.

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WET NIGHT FOR THE PRIMARIES. Grober Swamps Barcus-Leader M'Kee Beaten -Wagner Downs March.

The weather conditions were most unfavorable for the regular Republican reorganization primaries which were held last night. During the two hours the polls were open in the 883 election districts there was a heavy downpour of rain, which prevented the polling of anything like a heavy or representative vote.

In the Assembly districts where there were contests there was a good vote cast notwithstanding the storm. This was notably the case in the Twenty-first, where James S. Barcus was More than 2,000 Republicans voted in the Twenty-first. Col. Gruber carried forty-one of the forty-two election districts. Barcus carried one, his own. Another Assembly district where there was a

Another Assembly district where there was a comparatively heavy vote was the Twenty-third. There was a fight there between the faction led by Moses M. McKee, the present leader, and the faction led by Julius M. Mayer and Alderman Collin H. Woodward. The Mayer-Woodward faction won in thirty of the thirty-five election districts, and will control the Assembly District Convention by at least fifty majority.

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In the Sixth Assembly district, too, there was a lively tussle between the partisans of George W. Wagner, the present leader, and James E. March, the Italian contractor, who aspired to succeed him. According to the returns March succeeded in only four of the twenty-four election districts. He will protest the election of delegates in many of the election districts, however, alleging frauds on the part of the Wagner faction. In the Thirty-third district the opponents of Leader Frank Raymond gave up the fight in advance.

While the regular Republicans were voting at the primaries the Brookfield-Swayne organisation met at the St. Cloud Hotel and adopted resolutions similar to those adopted by the Plaza Club protestants at the Windsor Hotel last week, paving the way for an independent Republican organization in the county.

MRS. HALL PUT OUT OF A PRIMARY. She Wanted to Work for Caleb Simms, but th Police Wouldn't Have It.

Mary Ellen Hall, the colored woman who makes it her business to hustle for votes for the Republican party, made it interesting at the Republican primary of the Sixth Election of

the Tventy-fifth Assembly district last night.
The primary was held at 123 West Twentyseventh street, and Mrs. Hall was on hand to see that Caleb Simms, the colored leader of the

see that Caleb Simms, the colored leader of the district, and his friends were not buncoed by the anti-Simms crowd.

Mrs. Hall insisted on her right to stay in the polling place as a watcher, but Simms's opponents ordered that she be removed as she wasn't a voter. The three policemen who where on hand looked at it that way and they escorted Mrs. Hall to the street and ordered her to move on.

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But Mrs. Hall didn't move on. She stood outside the polling place, and whon a voter entered who she thought had no right to vote she set up a great cry. The crowd that had collected helped her out in the outcry. Then the policemen ordered Mrs. Hall to go away or be arrested. She denounced the policemen and said she would use her influence to have them removed from the force. Then she went to the West Thirtieth street station and demanded that she be allowed to remain at the polling place.

Sergeant McCoy advised her to keep away. She said she would go to Police Headquarters to-day and make a complaint against the policemens.

MRS, PETER WILL WED MR, FARBER He Has Been Prosecuting Her Case of Slander Against Mrs. Gaither.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 14.-The announce mennt that Mrs. Ella Mercer Peter was about to marry Mr. Edwin J. Farber has interested society circles. Mrs. Peter was divorced from State Senator Peter several years ago. She is a very

Senator Peter several years ago. She is a very beautiful woman, a lineal descendant of Gen. Mercer of Revolutionary fame, and moved in exclusive circles. About a year ago she received anonymous letters of a scandalous character. After an investigation Mrs. Peter brought suit for slander against Mrs. Thomas Gaither, a leader in society and wife of one of the wealthiest residents of Howard county, charging that she wrote the letters.

Mr. Farber, a well-known lawyer and club man, was engaged by Mrs. Peter to prosecute the case. Trial has been fixed several times, but always postponed. Last Saturday it was again called, but at Mr. Farber's request again postponed. It now appears that angettachment sorung up between lawyer and client, and it is believed generally that it was with view of accentuating his disbelief in the charges made in the letters, upon which suit is based, that Mr. Farber will wed Mrs. Peter, and then appear in his wife's behalf.

FOOTBALL IN WASHINGTON. The School Trustees Adopt Regulations Govern the Came.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.-The Board of School frustees of Washington to-day took up the football question and adopted resolutions to govern the game in the high schools of the city. These provide that no pupil can play without the written consent of his parents; that each team shall be absolutely under the control of some one appointed by the faculty, who is to pass upon the physical condition and the clothing of the physical condition and the clothing of the physical condition and the consent no games shall be played. Football contests hereafter are to be limited to teams from other seucational institutions, with the condition that the contestants shall be of the same average weight.

ALL BUT COMMON CRIMINALS MAY RETURN, BAYS BLANCO.

Their Lives and Their Property Will Be Respected, He Promises, and They Will Not He Molested Because of Their Previous Acts -- Is It a Preliminary to Surrender!

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Señor Dupuy De Lome,

the Spanish Minister, received to-day from Captain-General Blanco at Havana a telegram containing notice of the granting of what appears to be an order of amnesty to all political exiles from Cuba. It indicates that the Captain-General has revoked the conditions under which American citizens were expelled from the island, Nearly every American arrested in Cuba in Weyler's administration was compelled to give promise that he would not return under the threat of a severe penalty for disobedience. Now, however, if Bianco intends to adhere honestly to the policy outlined in his despatch to the Spanish Minister, everybody expelled from Cuba, except common criminals, may go back to the island with assurances of safety as long as they obey the law. The Captain-General's telegram follows:

"In addition to my cablegram of Nov. 27, I now add that your Excellency can authorize Consuls to issue passports for this island to all persons having emigrated who solicit them, without exception, save in cases of commo crime. This applies to all political emithose who have emigrated voluntarily and those who consider themselves bliged to remain in exile for a purely political nature, reason, cause, or act. In both cases your Excellency can assure them that in this island their personal safety, their families, and their estates will be guaranteed with the efficacy with which the Government to-day protects and aids those who obey the law. "BLANCO."

There is a suspicion in official circles, which s gradually becoming a conviction with some of the most credulous, that Spain is preparing to turn the island over to the Cubans. There is no doubt that the Spanish Government and people are sick of the war and the financial ruin which it has brought.

The decree of autonomy and the pacific policy inaugurated by Blanco are pointed to as indicating Spain's desire to get Cuba off her hands while seeking to have it appear that the island is under Spanish domination. Some of the officials here suspect that Spain would be glad to get rid of Cuba if she could do it gracefully and without seeming to acknowledge that she had been whipped.

All these views, however, are merely speculative, but those who hold them will no doubt find another reason in support of their arguments in the action of Blanco in regard to expatriated Cubans and other exiles.

A STUPID LIE, SAYS W. C. WHITNEY.

The World Invented a Story That He Was "Conspiring" Against the Tunnel Boad. William C. Whitney made the following statement yesterday regarding charges made by the World to the effect that he had entered into a

conspiracy with George J. Gould. Russell Sage and Richard Croker to defeat the construction of an underground rapid transit railroad: "So far as I am concerned, the article is a lie from beginning to end. I never had any talk with either Mr. Gould, Mr. Sage or Mr. Croker regarding the proposed underground road, I have never taken any action or done anything. directly or indirectly, to obstruct the building of the underground railroad. Neither has the

Metropolitan Street Railway Company, nor, to my knowledge, anybody connected with it. "Everybody who has discussed the subject with me knows that I have held to the opinion. as I do now, that the construction and operation of the underground road by responsible persons would be distinctly beneficial to the street rail-way company. There is no profit for a surface road in carrying passengers long distances. The proposed underground road would simply serve proposed underground road would simply serve to locate the constantly increasing population of Greater New York in the annexed district, instead of Long Island, Staten Island, and New Jersey. This increased population would then necessarily come into the business and shopping centres of the city on the underground railroad and be distributed for ground railroad and be distributed for ping centres of the city on the underground railroad and be distributed for
short distances to their destinations by the
surface railroads. From the standpoint of
the Metropolitan Street Railway, therefore,
I have no hesitation in saying, as I always have
said whenever I have discussed the matter,
that I should be glad to have the road built on
the lines proposed. As to the practicability of
the scheme, I have no opinion to express, because it does not concern me. Neither does its
bearing upon the Manhattan Elevated Railroad
Company affect me in the least, as I have not a
dollar of interest in the Manhattan Company.
Ordinarily I do not consider worthy of attention these nowspaper fabrications, but this particular one is so full of take statements and
malicious insinuations that I feel it my duty,
in justice to my business associates, to stamp it,
as far as it relates to myself and the Metropolitan Street Hailway Company, as a stupid lie."

DOUBLE SUICIDE SUSPECTED.

Mrs. Brassington Fears That Both Her Sons May Have Killed Themselves.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brassington, who gave 12 William street, New Rochelle, as the address of her brother-in-law, but would not tell where she lived, went to Police Headquarters last evening and asked that search be made for her son, Richard G. Brassington, a salesman, Mrs. Brassington said that she heard from her son at Wappinger's Falls last Friday. He had been despondent over business troubles, so she been despondent over business troubles, so she sent her elder son. John, to bring Richard home. Since Friday she has not heard from either of the men, who, she said, were greatly attached to each other.

On Sunday Mrs. Brassington read in The Sun that a grip like Richard's had been found in Poughikeepsie. She fears that he committed suicide and that John, learning of it, followed his brother's example.

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Richard Brassington, according to his mother's description, is six feet two inches tail and is 20 years old. His hair is fair and his complexion light. He wears no beard. The police sent out a general alarm for him.

Soon after Mrs. Brassington had gone away Robert Dawson of 318 East Twenty-seventh street reported that his son Thomas, 11 years old, and Richard, 9 years old, ran away from home last Thursday and hadn't been seen since.

DEATH DUE TO A BEATING.

Policeman Murphy Charged with Patally Clubblug a Bartender.

Thomas P. McCarthy, a bartender of 16 Ba-tavia street, died in Bellevue Hospital last night of crysipelas, due apparently to injuries to the head. His brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Michael McCarthy of 146 Cherry street, both allege that these injuries were received in Farrell's saloon at Roosevelt and Batavia streets. The men who inflicted them are said to have

been S aloon Keeper Farrell and Policeman Thaddeus Murphy of the Oak street station. Mrs. McCarthy says that Murphy went to the saloon early on Dec. 7 in uniform while Farreil was having a dispute with McCarthy. During the row which is alleged to have followed McCarthy was clubbed and beaten so badly that he was taken home in an unconscious condition. He was removed to Bellevue on Sunday.

McCarthy so Mrs. Michael McCarthy says, wanted to keep the matter quiet, because, he said, it would be "rood stuff for him," as some-body had already given him \$5 and the promise of \$50 more when he had recovered.

Farrell denied last night that McCarthy was injured in his saloon. Policeman Murphy, who was appointed to the force in 1895, could not be found last night. The police will investigate the matter. Mrs. McCarthy says that Murphy went to the the matter.

"I am well satisfied," laughingly said Andras Malinak in Newark yesterday when Judge Depue sentenced him to be hanged on Jan. 27. Malinak killed Mrs. Asnie Kmetz on July 22, while she was saleep at her husband's side. Before being sentenced Malinak made astatement in which he said that he shot Mrs. Kmetz, but couldn't tell exactly why, except that he had been drinking. Its added that he was ready to be executed.

TALKED LOUDLY AT WALLACK'S.

The Alleged Lawrers Quit the Theatre Who Their Money Was Refunded. Two men in evening dress sat together in

alale seats right under the lower right-hand tier of boxes at Wallack's Theatre last night. All through the first act of "A Ward of France" they made audible comments on the actors and

When the first act was over the two men strolled out into the lobby, where they ran across A. W. Mackenzie, the representative Klaw & Erlanger, the managers of " A Ward of France.

Mr. Mackenzie told the two men that box holders had complained of their conduct and had said that one of the men held an unlighted cigar in his mouth, while he commented on the actors in the play.

The two men talked back loudly at Mr. Mac

kenzie, and said it was their right to laugh at the actors or make any comment on the pe formance they pleased. They denied that heir criticisms had disturbed the box holders.

Manager Mackenzie insisted that they had laughed boisterously and talked loudly. While he remonstrated with them for their behavior, he placed his hand on one of the men's shoulders.

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"Take your hand off me," said the man, loudly, "or I'll punch you in the nose."

Manager Mackenzie removed his hands and summoned Policeman Craven of the West Thirtieth street station. The two men said they were perfectly willing to be placed under arrest if Manager Mackenzie would make a complaint against them.

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At this point Johnny McKeever, the Treasurer of the theatre, offered to refund their money if they would leave. They said if their presence wasn't desired they would willingly leave the theatre. The money they paid for seats was refunded, and they went away. Both men, before leaving, declared they were well-known lawyers and knew their rights.

ATTACKED IN BED WITH AN AXE. Mate McKenna's Skull Fractured by a Jenious Italian Sailer.

Mate James McKenna of the American line steamship Grace Deering, which got to her dock at Pier 47, North River, on Monday, was atnacked with an axe early yesterday by Raphae Musolino in a boarding house at 135 Perry street.

The cause of the attack was an invitation ex tended by McKenna to Miss Augusta Rowe, keeper of the boarding house, to accompany him to the theatre last evening. Miss Rowe ac cepted. She is engaged to Musolino, and he be ame enraged.

At 5 o'clock in the morning he smashed in th loor of McKenna's room. The noise awoke Mo Kenna, but before he could get out of bed Muso kenna, but before he could get out of bed Musolino attacked him with an ax, striking him
twice on the head and also on the shoulder.

McKenna struggled to his feet and grappled
with the Italian. The noise they made aroused
Miss Rowe, who ran into the room and pushed
hersalf between the men, thus separating them.
She induced Musolino to leave the room, going
with him. She returned in a few minutes with
the Italian, who apologized to McKenna, and
said:

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"I will be your friend for life."
McKenna went to bed and Dr. William C.
Gallagher of 302 West Twelfth street, was called
to attend him. He did not at first think his injuries were serious, but in the afternoon he
found that McKenna had a compound fracture of the base of the skull.

He notified the police of the Charles street station, and Detectives Lyon and O'Connor were sent to look for Musolino. McKenna refused to go to a hospital.

MADE THE TURKISH ROBBER PAY Consular Agent Poche Gets Redress for Wrong-An American Missionary.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The United States Government has not much of a record in col-lecting indemnity by the methods pursued by Germany, but information was received at the at the top of his voice. He told Mr. Paulsen State Department to-day that a consular representative of this country had made a Turkish highwayman disgorge 700 plasters, which he took from an American missionary. That seems a large sum at first glance, but it amounts in American money to only \$24. The details of the robbery and its sequel were received at the department from James B. Angell, the United States Minister at Constantinople.

The Rev. William Nelson, the missionary in the case, was held up last November on the road between Maura and Khan Chkhoun. Frederick Poche, the consular agent of the United States at Aleppo, who gets less than \$100 a year in fees for performing the duties of his office, set to work to redress the outrage to an American citizen. He disarmed the robber, had him arrested and punished, and made him return the \$24 to Mr. Nelson. Minister Angell says that Consular Agent Poche, who, by the way, was born in Austria, and appointed to the Alepto agency from Syria, was very urgent and persistent in his efforts. took from an American missionary. That

AGAINST HAWAIIAN ANNEXATION The Federation of Labor Passes a Resolution Opposing the Project.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 14 .- The American Federation of Labor held two sessions to-day. An important resolution acted upon was one disapproving of the appexation of the Hawaiian Islands, and urging the United States Senate to other steps as may be necessary to maintain anicable relations with Hawaii.

The resolution was adopted by the convention after some discussion. An amendment to provide that a committee shall go before the Senate and urge the rejection of the treaty was adopted.

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adopted.

The subject of Government postal savings banks was brought up by the introduction of a resolution from the Committee on Resolutions, which indorsed the establishment of such banks. The resolution advocated immediate action.

A protracted discussion was caused by a motion looking to the preparation of a bill by the Executive Council authorizing postal banks, and its introduction in Congress. The resolution was adopted. tion was adopted.

VESSELS DRIVEN AGROUND. an Unknown Sloop on a Sunken Bar a Mile

West of Shelter Island. GREENPORT, Long Island, Dec. 14. - Capt.

George Raynor, a bayman, arrived here early this morning and reported a vessel in distress off Paradise Point, a mile west of Shelter Island. She had been driven on a sunken bar in the night by the gale. The vessel was sloop

the night by the gale. The vessel was sloop rigged, but he did not know her name or anything of the crew. He thought it was one of the scallop fleet. Capt. Ray nor was unable to lead aid. He had hard work weathering the gale with his small craft. A relief party was about to be formed, when the gale increased and the project had to be abandoned.

At noon, while Capt. George Davis's sloop yacht Layenia was riding out the gale at her moorings in Greenport Harbor, all the crew, including the owner. being ashore, a big secaused the cables to snap, and the yacht drifted on the beach. She was badly damaged by the action of the waves, but she now lies in an easy position, and will doubtless be floated as soon as the wind abates. the wind abates.

FIST FIGHT CLOSES A SCHOOL. Superintendent and a Teacher in Ohio City

DELPHOS, O., Dec. 14.-The public school at Ohio City is closed, the result of a fistic encounter between Superintendent Woolson and the grammar grade teacher, Mr. Louden, Several of the publis assisted Louden, and all were aror the pupils assisted bytach, and all were ar-rested and bound over to the Grand Jury. The School Board has been in assistent for three days, endeavoring to get at the bottom of the affair. The trouble was the result of a new rule eatab-lished by the superintendent, which did not suit the fancy of the grammar department teacher and the pupils. The public is divided, and sev-eral citizens have come to blows over the matter.

Seven Prisoners Escape from Jail

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa., Dec. 14.-There was a Fifteen Years for Forgery. iail delivery at the Franklin County Prison this evening, seven prisoners making their escape. They gained their freedom by sawing through the roof.

An underkeeper first learned of the flight and notified the Sheriff. That official summoned the town constabulary. To night bands of men are scouring the surrounding country in search of the fugitives. Four of them were to have been sent to the Eastern Penitentiary next week.

The Most Ever Given for the Money. The Christmas number of this evening's Radi and
Express. Magazine supplement in color printing and
half-tone pictures. Two cents. All news stands.—46s.

13 West the st, near Broadway.—46s. The Talk of the Tunn.

CHIEF KIDNAPPER CAUGHT

ALBERT S. WARNER ARRESTED IN A SMALL KANSAS TOWN.

The Man Who Was the Head of the Conspir tors Whe Abducted Little Johnny Conway in Albany and Held Him for \$3,000 Ransom-His Confederates New in State Prison.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 15.-Chief of Police Willard received a telegram from Riley, Kan., tonight, announcing the capture there of Albert S. Warner, the chief of the three conspirators who, on Aug. 16 last, abducted little Johnny Conway and attempted to get \$3,000 from his father for his return. The arrest of Warner was effected by Detec

tive Kane of the Albany police and a Kansas City Pinkerton agent. The town of Riley is hamlet of about 200 inhabitants. It is about 80 miles from Kansas City. As soon as the usual form is complied with Warner will be brought to Albany for trial.

The other two conspirators, Joseph M. Hardy, the boy's uncle, and H. G. Blake, who were ar rested soon after the boy had been rescued. pleaded guilty to kidnapping him, and received sentences of fourteen years' imprisonment each in Clinton Prison. On Tuesday, Aug. 16, 5-year-old Johnny Con

way, son of M. J. Conway, a well-to-do Albany man, was taken from in front of his home, 97 Colonie street, and was hidden in a house on the outskirts of Albany. On the following day his father received a letter signed "The Captain of the Gang," in which the abductors offered to return the boy to his parents on payment of \$3,000. The crime aroused Albany and attracted attention throughout the entire country. The

whole police force of Albany and thousands of citizens joined in the hunt for the boy and his kidnappers. He was at last discovered and returned to his parents. During the investigation suspicion fastened itself upon Hardy, the boy's uncle, and he was

arrested with H. G. Blake, an Albany man. The police soon learned that these men had been connected with the crime and obtained confee sions from them It was evident to the authorities, however, that

some other person was at the head of the con-spiracy, and from descriptions obtained of the man who had been seen in consultation with Hardy and Blake it was decided that he was Albert S. Warner, a lawyer, who had been en gaged in many shady dealings, and who had an office at 1298 Broadway, New York.

Detective Worden of the Mercer street police station, New York, was the first to suspec Warner. It was found that Warner had fled. and the last that was heard of him was on the 19th of August, when he was seen in Schenectady talking to Blake.

Warner, at the time of his flight, was under onds in New York for attempting to blackmail B. J. Meyers, a Twenty-third street jeweller, and he had explained the plan of kidnapping the Conway boy to Frank E. Albinger, a civil engineer, of 123 Liberty street, New York, and had asked Albinger to gr into it with him, telling him it was perfectly safe and that the reward was bound to be big.

ELECTRICITY IN A RESTAURANT. A Customer Shocked by the Charged Threshold

The patrons of Charles J. Raulsen's restaurant at 6 East Forty-second street were surprised last evening by a man who on passing through the door waved his arms in the air and shouted finally that he received a shock of electricity when stepping on the iron threshold of the chop

house doorway. A few minutes later a small cloud of smok puffed from under the door into the chophouse. puried from under the door into the chophouse.

Mr. Paulsen rang a fire alarm. The firemen found that an electric-light wire had come in contact with the threshold and charged it with electricity, and that the plate had become so hot that it fired the woodwork around it. Several women had stepped on the threshold when entering the restaurant, but their rubbers insulated them so that they were not shocked. The fire did little lamage.

TURNED OUT IN THE RAIN.

on East River Piers.

Policeman Vandrau found Lena Rumpt, 75 years old, and Ellen Hayes, 55 years old, sitting on the pier at the foot of East Sixty-fourth street in the rain yesterday afternoon. told them to move on. They said they had no place to go, having been landed at the pier from the Charities Depart-ment boat Wickham, which had taken them from the almshouse. They were locked up in the East Sixty-seventh street station so as to

in the East Sixty-sevents are them shelter.

Catherine Hughes, who was landed from the almshouse at the foot of East Sixty-fourth street, was sent to Bellevue Hospital from the Presbyterian Hospital last evening. The woman, who is 69 years old, was wet through. It is customary for discharged almshouse inmates to be left on the piers to shift for themselves.

BENATOR HANNA IS ALL RIGHT. Report That He Was Quite III Denied by th Senator Himself.

United States Senator Mark Hanna has been at the Waldorf-Astoria since last Saturday and there have been rumors that he was a very sick man. It was said that the Senator was confined to his room, unable to see callers. From Wash to his room, unable to see callers. From Washington yesterday came the report that Senator Hanna was suffering from a slight attack of heart trouble. None of these rumors is correct, a fact which This Sun is able to assert on the authority of the Senator himself.

"I came here." said Senator Hanna last night, because my family has been stopping here for a couple of weeks. Then I had contracted a cold, which developed into a mild attack of influenza and I wanted rest. Now I'm in good shape again. At no time was I ill enough to be confined to my room. I'm going back to Washington to-de."

BRYAN IN MEXICO.

Dividing Monors at the Capital with a Pamor Buil Fighter.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 14.-Mr. William Jennings Bryan spent a busy day here visiting points of interest about the city. He is the recipient of great attention at the hands of high Governament officials and the American colony, His fine suite of rooms at the Hotel Sauzadjoin those of Luis Mazzantini, the celebrated Span-ish buil fighter, who has just arrived here from Spain, and is to receive \$5,000 for each perform-

ance.

He and Bryan have become warm friends, and the free-silver orator will occupy the box of honor at Mazzantini's great bull fight on next Sunday. Of the two great men at the Hotel Sanz, the buil fighter, receives the most marked attention of the Mexican people.

Five Train Robbers Caught.

SILVER CITY, N. M. Dec. 14.—Special Wells-Fargo officer J. N. Thacker, assisted by Deputy United States Marshals under Cipriano Baca, last night captured the gang of train robbers last night captured the gang of train robbers who on last Thursday held up the Southern Pacific at Sterns Pass. Grant county, when one of the robbers was killed. The robbers, five in number, were surrounded in a cabin at Cushey's ranch, about twenty-live miles this side of the Mexican line, in eastern Arizona. They were taken completely by surprise and surrendered without a shot being fired. They were brought here and lodged in fall.

STROUDSBURG, Pa., Dec. 14 .- T. C. Beatty, at one time a well-known Western attorney, and a nephew of Gen. Beatty of Ohio, to-day pleaded guilty to the charge of forgery with Harry Otis, alias Howard. Mrs. Beatty, 71 years old, who was arrested with the men, pleaded not guilty, Judge Craig sentenced the men to fifteen years' imprisonment is the Eastern Pentientlary. The men passed a forged draft on the East Strouds-burg National Bank.

ABATING A SONG.

Legislation Against "A Bot Time in the Old Town To-Night."

Toreka, Kan., Dec. 14,-The Town Council of Mankato, Kan., intends to stop by ordinance the singing, humming or whistling of the song "A Hot Time in the Old Town To-night." Topoka's fall festival this song was adopted by the Karnival Knights, and the thousands who visited Topeka went home singing, whistling or humming it until one half the Kansas population have joined in the chorus, and in the towns it has become an intolerable nuisance.

In 1894 the Town Council of Mankato squelched the whistling and singing of "After the Ball." It passed an ordinance under the Nuisance law fining each and every person 50 cents for each and every time he or she might be proved guilty of whistling or singing "After the Ball" between the hours of 6 o'clock in the morning and 10 o'clock at night. The "Hot Time" song, the Mankato people say, has become an intolerable nuisance and must be squelched.

FIVE MINERS LOST.

They Go Down on the Ten-Ton Sloop Augusta

While Going to Alaska. VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 14,-The steamer Coquitam, arriving to-day from Lynn Canal and northern British Columbia, brings news from Bella Bella of the loss there ten days ago of the ten-ton sloop Augusta, bound from Seattle for Copper River with five prospectors and their effects The vessel was lost in Dixon's Entrance, and

within view of the halibut fishers there. They saw the distress signals and attempted a rescue, when a squall came on. While they were meeting it the aloop disappeared and neither she nor any one on board has since been

Several other losses of small shipping by the same gale are reported, but none accompanied with loss of life.

DIED AT THE THEATRE. Woman Stricken with Heart Disease at Wallack's.

Mrs. Ann Rooney of 406 Eighth avenue and er married daughter, Mrs. Sarah Rice, went to Wallack's Theatre last night, to see "A Ward of France." They had seats in the third

row in the first balcony.

Soon after the curtain went up Mrs. Rooney complained of feeling ill. A few minutes later she fell forward on her seat. She was carried to a room adjoining the balcony lobby, where she died. A physician who was summoned said heart disease was probably the cause of death. Mrs. Rooney's body was soon removed to her home, and few in the theatre beard of her sudden death.

KENTUCKY TROOPS OUT AGAIN. Ordered by Gov. Bradley to Protect Turnpike

Property from Raiders. FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 14.-Troops were or dered to-night to Danville, Ky., to protect turnpike property from raiders. The request was made by J. T. Basley, President of the Danville and Harrodsburg Turnpike Company. He said in his telegram to Gov. Bradley that he had infor mation that raiders were going to blow up the gate near Danville. The county Judge had re-

fused to give proper protection. Gov. Bradley immediately telegraphed Col. E. H. Gaither at Harrodsburg, Ky., to leave in com-mand of troops, Col. Gaither telegraphed back at 8 o'clock to-night that he had given his men marching orders and was off for the scene.

COL. STRONG ABANDONS HIS WAKE. Couldn't Get Anybody to Help Him Celebrate

the Last Administration. The wake planned by Mayor Strong for the passing of old New York has been abandoned. The third effort to get ' gether yesterday a quo rum of the committee he appointed to arrange the details was a failure and Col. Strong was moved thereby to issue the following statement: At a meeting of the committee appointed a imonico's to formulate plans for the carrying out of a suitable celebration upon the merging of old New York into Greater New York, it was decided that as the character of the celebration would be purely historical, there would not be sufficient time for the speakers to prepare themselves upon the subjects designated, and it was resolved to abandon the undertaking entired.

MAY HAVE BEEN DROWNED

The Pate of Two New Yorkers in Doubt -Thei Boat Found Filled with Water.

There was a high tide and a great deal of wind at Gravesend Beach resterday. In the morning two men from the city hired a boat and went out on the bay. Several hours later the boat was found by William Brown, a fisherman, on the outer beach off Norton's Point. The boat the outer beach off Norton's Foint. The Boak was nearly filled with water. One one was found later a mile further down the beach.

Whether or not the men were drowned is not known. They left some money on deposit for the boat and did not return to claim it. They may have been picked up by a tugboat and landed in the city or over in New Jersey.

STRAY BULLET HIT HIS GUN.

Splintered the Stock as Mr. Butler Held Across His Breast. Annie Oakley's husband, Frank Butler, is

ilmost as fond of shooting as she is. They live at Nutley, and Butler had a narrow escape on Monday afternoon while watching for ducks on the west side of the Passaic. A rifle ball of 30 calibre came from the Bergen county side of the river and struck the stock of his shotzun as he held it across his breas:

The bullet penetrated the stock so far that it splintered the side which was next his body. Ho did not hear the report of the weapon.

GEORGE SEYMOUR REARRESTED. He Got Away from Binghamton Authorities

by Feigning a Hypnotic Sleep. BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Dec. 14.-George Sey mour, who was indicted here for horse stealing and "he escaped from custedy by feigning a hypnotic sleep from which he could not be awakened, has been arrested in Canada.

Only the Cook of the Olive Pecker to Be Tried NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 14 .- John Anderson, cook of the Olive Pecker, will be put on trial for his charge of murdering Capt. Whitman and Mate Sanders of the schooner and burning the ves-sel. The indictments against John Lind, Wil-liam Horsburgh, and Manuel De Dios Barrial were dismissed to-day upon a motion of District Attorney White. life in the Federal Court to-morrow, on the

Tore Feathers from Their Hats at a Revival CHAMBERSHURG, Pa., Dec. 14. The Rev. B. H. Irwin, an evangelist from Lincoln, Neb., who has been holding revival services in the King Street United Brethren Church here for a mouth past, at his last meeting condemned the wearing of feathers, and so worked upon the feelings of the women in his audicace that some of them tore the feathers from their bonnets in sight of

he audience.

Miss Mary Sheedy, 29 years old, a resident of Elm Park, S. I., was killed yesterday morning at the John street crossing of the Staten Island Rapid Transit Railroad. She was employed by Mrs. Hugh Fister. When she stepped on the railroad crossing the ong neer blow his whistle. She was hadly frightnest. First she started ahead and then she stepped back on the track again. again.

Blown to the Top of a Threr-Story Building

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 14.-A large steam

engine in the Townsend woodyard exploded here this afternoon, wrecking the building and killing two negroes and injuring a third so badly that he will die. The boiler was thrown a block. Engineer Pallas was blown across the atrect to the top of a three-story building.

Brake at Export Prices. The place to buy desks, chairs, typewriter cabinets and bookcases is 15 Stone st., Hale Co.—4du,

PRICE TWO CENTS.

HOUSE CAUCUS FORE: TO OPPOSE M'KINLEY'S PROPOSALS.

DEMOCRATS WILL FIGHT.

Bailey Offers Resolutions Which Are Adopted

Against Rettring Greenbacks or Extends ing National Banks, for Cubn and a Banks ruptey Law-Hawailan Course Lett Open.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.-One hundred and one Representatives attended the Democratio House caucus to-night, over which Mr. Richardson of Tennessee presided. The New York members were mostly conspicuous by their absence. The caucus was called at the request of fifty or sixty members who wanted a definite and authoritative policy adopted for their guidance at this session. The caucus was in secsion less than an hour, and unanimously adopted the following, offered by Mr. Bailey.

the official leader of the minority: "Resolved, That it is the sense of this caucus that the Democratic members of the House of Representatives ought to resist all efforts, direct and indirect, to retire the greenbacks and Treasury notes.

"Resolved, That we are opposed to and will resist all attempts to extend the privileges of the national banks or to reduce the taxes which they now pay.

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"Resolved, That we favor the early consideration and passage of the Senate resolution recognizing that a condition of war exists in the island of Cuba between the Government of Spain and the Cuban people.

"Resolved, That we favor the early enactment of a just and wise bankruptcy law."

Brief speeches were made by Messra, Balley, De Armond of Missouri, Maddox of Georgia, Magoire of California, Memillin of Tennessee, Swanson of Virginia, Sims of Tennessee, and others, all counselling moderation in action as this time. There was no opposition to the resolutions offered by Mr. Balley. The question of Hawalian annexation was passed over with the

lutions offered by Mr. Balley. The question of Hawatian annexation was passed over with the suggestion that when it became necessary to determine a course of action relating thereto another caucus would be held.

A resolution offered by Mr. Maddox was agreed to, authorizing the appointment of a Democratic Congressional committee to manage the campaign of 1898, to consist of nine Senators and one Representative from each State and Territory and the District of Columbia. The committee is empowered to fill vacancies and to select the members from those States and Territories having no Democratic representation in Congress.

ENGLAND'S LABOR TROUBLE.

iome Progress Made Toward Settling the Engineers' Strike. Special Cable Despatch to THE BUS.

LONDON, Dec. 14 .- The conference between the Amalgamated Society of Engineers and the Employers' Federation was resumed to-day. It was expected that the result of the ballot taken to decide whether the masters' proposals should be ecepted would lead to a rupture of the negotiations for the settlement of the strike, the men having voted overwhelmingly against accept-

ing the terms of their employers. This, however, was not the case, and at the meeting to-day the employers adopted an attitude that was more conciliatory than that assumed by them prior to the taking of the ballot. They submitted a further explanation of their position, and both ides displayed throughout the meeting a more reasonable spirit. The discussion resulted in a substantial advance toward a settlement of the

ITALY'S NEW CABINET.

Marquis di Rudini Announces the Names of the Ministry. Special Cable Despatch to THE BUR.

ROME; Doc. 14.-The new Cabinet has been officially gazetted. The list of Ministers is identical with the unofficial one published a few days ego, with three exceptions, which comprise the offices of Public Works, Agriculture, and Public Instruction. The Ministry, as finally constructed, is as follows:

The Marquis di Rudini, Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior. of the Interior.

Admiral Brin. Minister of Marine.
Bignor Zanardelli. Minister of Justice.
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Bignor Lugzatil, Minister of the Treasury.
Bignor Bransa. Minister of Finance.
Bignor Cocco Ortu, Minister of Public Works.
Bignor Pavencelli. Minister of Pomierce, Industry.
and Agriculture.
Bignor Gallo, Minister of Public Instruction.
Signor Sinco, Minister of Posts and Tolegraphs.
Gen. San Marzano, Minister of War.
Marquis Visconti Venosta, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Will Canada Suspend Pelagic Scaling !

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUS. LONDON, Dec. 14.-The Government is in consultation with the Government of Canada in regard to the question of suspending pelagic sealing for a year. There is no indication of Great Britain moderating her attitude in the matter.

La Toursine Beaches Port. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. HAVRE, Dec. 14 .- The French line steamer La

Tournine, which sailed from New York on Dec. 4 for this port, arrived here to-day in tow of a British steamship. She had been disabled. Lynched Three Instead of Two Men. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 14.-The mob in Iberville parish which dealt with the murderers of George Babin last night lynched three instead of two

manin last night synched three instead of two men as first reported. The lynched men were James Thomas and Joseph and Charles Alexander. Thomas made a confession before his death in which he implicated the two Alexanders Watson Carter, Frank Osborne, and Laurent Dominick, who took a minor part in the murder of Rabin, were whipped by the mob, and Carter was ordered to leave the parish.

Two Negroes Lynched by White Caps. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Doc. 14.-A telegram from Kennedy, seventy-five miles west of here, in Lamar county, says that Lewis and John Bonner, negroes, were taken from Howe last night by bands of White Caps and shot to death, Lewis Bonner was a United States witness and also a State witness against White Cappers who murdered another negro three months ago. His brother John was spending the night with him and shared his death, doubtless to prevent him from being a witness against the lynchers.

Bessie Coulters's Assailant Sent to Prison. PROVIDENCE, R. L. Dec. 14.-Frank Weeden,

who nearly killed his cousin, Miss Bessie Coulters, by firing a load of slags into her body, was to day sentenced to State prison for eighteen years. Miss Coulters is a Brown University student. She was seated near a window at her home in Auburn one night several weeks ago when Weeden erept up to the home and shot her through the window. When he appeared in court to-day he shouted that he was insand. ters, by firing a load of slugs into ner body, was Union League Ticket Not Posted.

The Nominating Committee of the Union League Club held a protracted session last

loague this hear a protection of candidates for the regular ticket to be voted for at the annual election in January. It was said after the session that the make up or the ticket had not been decided on. The committee has several days yet to post the taket. Confederate Buttle Flag Brings 80.50, BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 14.-A Confederate battle flag which is said to have been captured by Gen.

where it was hung from a wholow, was sold by auction this morning at the rooms of C. E. Libbic & Co. for \$9.50. The purchaser was Mr. Alder, a purchaser or many documents and autographs disposed of at the sale.

Butler's men in New Orleans, on May 1, 1862,

Fought a Street Duct with Knives. Dallas, Tex., Dec. 14. March Bonner and Frank King fought a duel with knives yesterday in a street in Crocketts, Tex. King was wounded mortally, being diaembravelled. Bon-ner was stabled in seven blaces and may die. The duct was the revisal of a feud of a dozen years ago in which at least hait a dozen men were killed.

Poughkeepsie Hakery Sold to the Trust. POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 14.-It was an-nounced to-day that the United States Baking Company had acquired the plant of the Pough-keepste Crackery Bakery, and will operate if in the future. The terms of sale are withheld, but it is known they include a rental of the real estate and the continuance of the business.